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ADOPTED BY THE UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION; PROPOSED U.S.
STATEMENT IN SECOND COMMITTEE

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THE DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH USUN PER PARA 2 REFTEL THAT A
STATEMENT IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTION MIGHT BE HELPFUL. A
DRAFT OF SUCH PROPOSED STATEMENT FOLLOWS FOR YOUR CONSIDERA-
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1. BEGIN QUOTE: I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY STATEMENT BY
RECALLING THE REMARKS OF AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN IN THE PLENARY
SESSION OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 16 OF THIS
YEAR AFTER THE EXTRAORDINARILY GRUELING NEGOTIATIONS OF THAT

SESSION. HE SAID "PERHAPS NEVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAS THERE BEEN SO INTENSIVE AND SO GENUINE A NEGOTIATION BETWEEN SO MANY NATIONS ON SO PROFOUNDLY IMPORTANT A RANGE OF ISSUES. WE HAVE SHOWN THAT WE CAN NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH AND DOING SO, REACH GENUINE ACCORD. NOT LEAST WE HAVE SHOWN THAT THIS CAN BE DONE IN THE UNIQUE AND INDISPENSABLE SETTING OF THE UNITED NATIONS. MR. PRESIDENT, THIS SYSTEM WORKS. AT THE OUTSET OF THIS SPECIAL SESSION THE UNITED STATES ASSERTED THAT WE ASSEMBLED HERE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF MANKIND. WE MAY WELL HAVE DONE SO. RATHER IT MAY WELL TURN OUT THAT WE HAVE DONE SO, FOR THE TASK IS YET AHEAD OF US. WE ARE, HOWEVER, UNMISTAKABLY BEGUN."

2. SECRETARY KISSINGER STRONGLY REITERATED THE THEME OF A NEW BEGINNING IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 22 WHEN HE SAID "THE SPECIAL SESSION GIVES US GROUND FOR HOPE THAT, AT LEAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, A CHOICE HAS BEEN MADE TO TURN AWAY FROM CONFRONTATION TOWARD COOPERATION. THE UNITED STATES IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE FINAL DOCUMENT WHICH IS THE PRODUCT OF THE ARDUOUS EFFORT AND DEDICATION OF SO MANY IN THIS CHAMBER. THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION A BEGINNING, NOT AN END. AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINAL REPORT, WE MUST NOW MOVE FORWARD IN AVAILABLE FORUMS TO GIVE REALITY AND CONTENT TO THE OBJECTIVES ON WHICH WE HAVE AGREED. IN THE DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD, MY GOVERNMENT WILL PARTICIPATE ENERGETICALLY, IN A COOPERATIVE AND CONCILIATORY SPIRIT."

3. A U.S. CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY GROUP PARTICIPATED FULLY IN OUR EARLY PREPARATIONS FOR THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PROPOSALS SECRETARY KISSINGER OUTLINED IN HIS SPEECH SEPTEMBER 1, AS WELL AS IN THE SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS, THUS DEMONSTRATING THE STRONG SUPPORT FOR OUR POLICY IN THIS BRANCH OF OUR TRIPARTITE GOVERNMENT.

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ERNMENT. IN THEIR REPORT TO THE CONGRESS, THE CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORS STATED: "THE CONSENSUS RESOLUTION OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ENTITLED, 'DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION,' MARKS A SIGNIFICANT TURNING POINT IN U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SETS THE STAGE FOR A NEW ERA OF ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS."

4. SINCE THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION A WIDE VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN WITH A VIEW TO THE EARLIEST IMPLEMENTATION OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF RESOLUTION 3362. FOR EXAMPLE:

--THE IMF IS CONSIDERING THE DEVELOPMENT SECURITY FACILITY TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST SEVERE DISRUPTION OF OVER-ALL EXPORT EARNINGS;

--NEGOTIATIONS ARE MOVING AHEAD IN THE QUEST TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT;

--THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL HAS BEGUN THE DISCUSSION OF WORLD FOOD RESERVES;

--NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FIFTH REPLENISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION BEGAN IN PARIS THIS MONTH;

--DISCUSSIONS ON COMMODITIES ARE CONTINUING IN THE UNCTAD AND OTHER FORA AND NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY REGARDING THE ORDERLY MARKETING OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES SUCH AS TIN, COFFEE AND COCOA;

--THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (MTN) IN GENEVA ARE CONSIDERING QUESTIONS OF SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR LDCS WITH RESPECT TO NON-TARIFF BARRIERS, MODIFICATION OF TARIFF RATE ESCALATION FOR PROCESSED GOODS AND ON SPECIAL TARIFF RATES FOR TROPICAL PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. THESE ARE ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE NUMEROUS IMPORTANT PRO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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POSALS WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGREED TO PURSUE IN THE CONSENSUS RESOLUTION OF SEPTEMBER 16. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THIS MULTI-FACETED RESOLUTION MUST PROCEED ON MANY FRONTS CONCURRENTLY.

6. WE ARE PLEASED, THEREFORE, THAT THE SECOND PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN PARIS LAST MONTH SUCCESSFULLY LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CIEC) WHICH WILL BEGIN ITS DELIBERATION IN PARIS NEXT MONTH AT THE FIRST MINISTERIAL MEETING. WE EXPECT THE COMMISSIONS ON ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS, DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED FINANCIAL QUESTIONS WILL MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN BUILDING AREAS OF CONSENSUS BETWEEN THE DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND WILL GIVE IMPETUS TO NEGOTIATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL ISSUES.

7. WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE 4TH WORLD MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD) WHICH WILL MEET IN NAIROBI IN MAY. IT WILL AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS ON RELEVANT SUBJECTS IN GREATER DETAIL.

8. ONE OF THE MORE SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVES OF UNGA RESOLUTION 3362 CONCERNS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEVELOPMENT SECURITY FACILITY IN THE IMF. THIS FACILITY WILL PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL NEW FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN YEARS IN WHICH THEIR EXPORT EARNINGS FALL SHORT OF THEIR TREND. THE ADDITIONAL FINANCING SHOULD ALLOW RECIPIENT NATIONS TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THEIR

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. THE PROPOSAL WOULD DO THIS IN TWO WAYS: FIRST, BY CONSIDERABLY LIBERALIZING THE EXISTING IMF COMPENSATORY FINANCING FACILITY, AND, SECOND, BY UTILIZING FUNDS FROM THE PROPOSED TRUST FUND IN THE IMF TO FINANCE GRANTS TO THE POOREST COUNTRIES.

9. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE IMF HAVE BOTH ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. THE IMF STAFF ALSO HAS PREPARED SEVERAL DETAILED STUDIES OF THE ALTERNATIVES FOR LIBERALIZING THE EXISTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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IMF COMPENSATORY FINANCING FACILITY. THE OBJECT IS TO REACH AGREEMENT BY THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE WORLD BANK/IMF INTERIM COMMITTEE ON THE EXPANDED FEATURES OF THE FACILITY.

10. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRUST FUND PROPOSAL HAS BEEN GREATLY ASSISTED BY THE IMF INTERIM COMMITTEE'S RECENT AGREEMENT ON THE SALE OF GOLD. AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT, IMF MEMBERS CONCURRED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRUST FUND. THE TRUST FUND PROPOSAL DOES NOT, HOWEVER, REQUIRE ANY AMENDMENT OF THE EXISTING ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT OF THE IMF. THE U.S. CONTINUES TO FEEL STRONGLY THAT THE NEED FOR THE TRUST FUND IS GREAT AND THAT IT SHOULD BE PUT IN FORCE PROMPTLY.

11. A NUMBER OF OTHER SPECIFIC ACTIONS FOLLOWING UP THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION DECISIONS ARE GOING FORWARD. I HAVE ALREADY REFERRED TO THE REPLENISHMENT OF IDA WHICH IS OF ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE IN PROVIDING CONCESSIONAL LOANS TO THE POOREST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE WORLD BANK HOPES THE IDA NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR. WE WERE PLEASED TO JOIN THE CONSENSUS ON A RESOLUTION OF THIS COMMITTEE LAST WEEK TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR THE REPLENISHMENT OF THIS MAJOR DEVELOPMENT BODY.

12. THERE ARE NOW TWO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR LIBERALIZING THE IMF'S BUFFER STOCK FACILITY. ONE WOULD ALLOW DRAWINGS TO BE SEPARATE FROM A COUNTRY'S UNCONDITIONAL ACCESS TO ITS IMF GOLD TRANCHE AND THE OTHER WOULD SEVER THE EXIST-

ING LINK BETWEEN DRAWINGS FROM THIS FACILITY AND THE COMPENSATORY FINANCING FACILITY. THESE PROPOSALS ARE NOW UNDER ACTIVE DISCUSSION BY THE IMF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND THERE SEEMS TO BE VIRTUAL AGREEMENT THAT THESE TWO CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE.

13. THE WORLD BANK IS SOON EXPECTED TO PRESENT TO MEMBERS A PROPOSAL REGARDING EXPANSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (IFC). THE IFC HAS BROAD EXPERIENCE IN SUPPORTING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF ITS CAPITAL BASE SHOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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GREATLY STRENGTHEN THE SCOPE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS INSTITUTION'S CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT. ALSO, THERE IS A PROPOSAL BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION TO HAVE THE IFC MANAGE AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT TRUST WHICH WOULD ATTRACT NEW CAPITAL FOR INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRY FIRMS, -- PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND MIXED. THIS PROPOSAL COULD STIMULATE THE INVESTMENT OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF ESSENTIAL RESOURCES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND WE HOPE IT WILL MOVE FORWARD RAPIDLY.

14. THERE IS ALSO GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE BETTER ACCESS TO PRIVATE FOREIGN CAPITAL MARKETS. A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP OF THE IMF/IBRD "DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE" IS NOW STUDYING THE CAPITAL MARKETS. WE EXPECT THAT THIS WORK WILL CLARIFY THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH CAPITAL MOVES IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA AND WILL LEAD TO PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

15. IN THE FIELD OF COMMODITIES WE BELIEVE PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE COMPENSATORY FINANCING FOR EXPORT EARNINGS AND IMPROVED CONDITIONS FOR INVESTMENT CAN AMELIORATE THE PROBLEMS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAUSED BY INSTABILITY OF SUPPLIES AND FLUCTUATING PRICES. IN ADDITION, PRODUCER/CONSUMER GROUPS ARE PROPOSED FOR KEY COMMODITY ISSUES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS IN AN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THE MARKET FUNCTIONS OF BOTH BUYERS AND SELLERS. FOR MOST SIGNIFICANT COMMODITIES DISCUSSION FORUMS ALREADY EXIST ALTHOUGH WAYS TO IMPROVE THEIR FUNCTIONING ARE NOW BEING CONSIDERED. IN SOME CASES - COPPER, POSSIBLY IRON ORE AND BAUXITE - WE NEED TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FORUMS WHERE BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS ARE REPRESENTED. OVERALL, WE RECOGNIZE THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF COMMODITY ISSUES TO ALL COUNTRIES, AND URGE PARTICIPANTS TO PERSEVERE IN FINDING SOLUTIONS THAT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS.

16. IN OTHER TRADE MATTERS, PRESIDENT FORD WILL SOON ANNOUNCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMERICAN GSP SYSTEM DE-

SIGNED TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES'
MANUFACTURING SECTORS, A PARTICULARLY PROMISING ELEMENT
OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

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17. THE MULTINATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (MTN) FORUM
CONTINUES TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN FINDING WAYS TO IMPROVE
THE STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM. WE BELIEVE
THAT COUNTRIES IN THE EARLIER STAGES OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT
SHOULD RECEIVE SPECIAL TREATMENT IN A VARIETY OF WAYS,
AND THE PARTICIPATION AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM SHOULD REFLECT THEIR
EVOLVING LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT.

18. SPECIAL TREATMENT IN THE MTN FOR THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES ON NON-TARIFF BARRIERS IS UNDER ACTIVE DISCUSSION
WITH REGARD TO AN INTERNATIONAL EXPORT SUBSIDY AND COUNTER-
VAILING DUTY CODE. WITH REGARD TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS OF
INTEREST TO THE LDCS, THE MTN TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP RE-
CENTLY AGREED TO CONTINUE ACTIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW
TOWARD THE TABLING OF TARIFF OFFERS BY MARCH 1 OF NEXT YEAR.
WE NEED TO MAINTAIN - AND TO QUICKEN IF POSSIBLE - THE PACE
OF WORK IN THE MTNS ON ISSUES OF INTEREST TO LDCS TO ENSURE
THAT THEY SHARE IN THE BENEFITS OF THIS NEGOTIATING ROUND
AND THAT THEY PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE WORLD TRADING SYS-
TEM.

19. SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTION 3362 ALSO GIVES RECOGNITION
TO THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN OVERALL ECO-
NOMIC DEVELOPMENT. NOT ONLY ARE ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLIES BA-
SIC TO COUNTRIES' ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, BUT
THE GROWING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN FOODSTUFFS IS A FURTHER
REFLECTION OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF NATIONS.

20. WE TAKE GREAT SATISFACTION FROM THE REINFORCEMENT PRO-
VIDED BY THE SPECIAL SESSION TO THE COMMITMENTS MADE AT THE
1974 WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN
MADE BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN IMPLEMENTING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ROME CONFERENCE; WE TRUST THAT THE
POLITICAL WILL EVIDENCED AT THE SPECIAL SESSION WILL LEAD
TO THE PROGRESSIVE REMOVAL OF FURTHER OBSTACLES SO THAT A
SOLUTION TO LONGER-RUN WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS MAY BE ACHIEVED.

THIS WILL REQUIRE SUSTAINED EFFORT BY ALL NATIONS, DEVELOP-
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ING AS WELL AS DEVELOPED.

21. AMONG THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION IN THE FIELD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING DESERVE PRIORITY ATTENTION:

--THE SOLUTION TO WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS LIES PRIMARILY IN INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

THERE IS ALSO A NEED TO INCREASE THE VOLUME OF FOOD ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ALL COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO SHOULD INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS;

--AS A TRANSITIONAL MEASURE, ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE OF A MINIMUM GLOBAL FOOD AID TARGET;

--TO PROVIDE A BASIC SYSTEM OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY, AGREEMENT ON AN INTERNATIONALLY COORDINATED SYSTEM OF NATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
FOOD RESERVES SHOULD BE ACHIEVED PROMPTLY.
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22. THERE ARE OTHER POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SECTOR IN RESOLUTION 3362, INCLUDING THE NEED TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF THE WORK OF THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTERS, REDUCTION OF POST-HARVEST FOOD LOSSES, AND EXPANSION OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL COUNTRIES.

23. IN PURSUIT OF THE KEY OBJECTIVES OF IMPROVING WORLD FOOD SECURITY THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO ACCORD HIGHEST PRIORITY TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND NUTRITION IN ITS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. THIS FISCAL YEAR WE PLAN TO DOUBLE OUR DIRECT AID FOR THESE PURPOSES.

24. ONE OF THE MAJOR RESOLUTIONS OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WAS RESOLUTION XIII CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. THIS FUND IS DESIGNED TO MOBILIZE SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN THE POOREST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
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25. THE UNITED STATES IS ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE THUS FAR IN NEGOTIATING THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT FOR IFAD, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS NEGOTIATING PROCESS WILL BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR. OUR CONGRESS HAS RECENTLY AUTHORIZED A CONTRIBUTION OF UP TO \$200 MILLION FOR IFAD AND WE TRUST THAT ALL COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO WILL SOON MAKE CONCRETE PLEDGES TO IFAD SO THAT THE TARGET FIGURE OF AT LEAST \$1 BILLION CAN BE REACHED.

26. IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD AID AS A SHORT-TERM MEASURE IN HELPING TO MEET THE INTERIM FOOD NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES FOOD AID BUDGET PROVIDES FOR THE SHIPMENT OF ALMOST 6 MILLION TONS OF FOOD ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS-- 60 PERCENT OF THE GLOBAL TARGET OF 10 MILLION TONS. WE URGE OTHERS, BOTH TRADITIONAL AS WELL AS PROSPECTIVE NEW DONORS, TO DO THEIR PART.

27. IN FULFILLMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION XVII ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY, THE UNITED STATES HAS PRESENTED BEFORE A WORKING GROUP OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL A PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF NATIONALLY HELD GRAIN RESERVES. WE CONTINUE TO HOPE FOR EARLY PROGRESS ON THIS MATTER AND ARE WORKING HARD TO ACCOMPLISH THAT END.

28. THE QUESTION OF A FOOD RESERVE DESERVES SPECIAL ATTENTION, HOWEVER. UNLIKE OTHER ASPECTS OF SOLVING THE WORLD'S FOOD PROBLEMS, CONCRETE RESULTS TO DATE ARE FEW. ALTHOUGH WORLD GRAIN PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION LEVELS HAVE LEFT NO CURRENT SURPLUS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH THE MEANS TO ACCUMULATE RESERVES AS SOON AS THIS BECOMES POSSIBLE. BECAUSE WORK ON A RESERVES SYSTEM SHOULD MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY, WE HAVE PUT FORWARD A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL. WE HOPE THAT OTHERS WILL JOIN US IN AN EFFORT TO NEGOTIATE A SUITABLE RESERVES AGREEMENT AND THAT OUR EFFORTS WILL NOT BE DIVERTED INTO PROCEDURAL ARGUMENTS.

29. HAVING HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE PRIORITY OBJECTIVES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THE FIELD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REACHED BY THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT ALSO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE NEED EXPRESSED IN RESOLUTION 3362 FOR FURTHER EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES TO RESOLVE FOOD PRODUCTION PROBLEMS. ULTIMATELY, THE KEY TO SOLUTION OF THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS LIES PRIMARILY IN INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE CONCEPT OF SELF-HELP IN THIS FIELD IS ENDORSED BY BOTH THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. WHILE EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE CAN COMPLEMENT SUCH EFFORTS, IT CAN DO SO ONLY WHEN RECIPIENT NATIONS ACCORD HIGH PRIORITY TO AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR DOMESTIC PROGRAMS AND ADOPT POLICIES WHICH GIVE ADEQUATE INCENTIVES TO INDIVIDUAL PRODUCERS.

30. IN THIS REGARD, TO ASSIST IN PROMOTING EFFICIENT USE OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SECTOR, WE BELIEVE THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRO-

DUCTION AND INVESTMENT SHOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN IDENTIFYING THOSE COUNTRIES WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR MOST RAPID AND EFFICIENT INCREASE IN FOOD PRODUCTION.

31. THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION ALSO ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF RESTRUCTURING THE UN SYSTEM SO AS TO MAKE IT MORE FULLY CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN A COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE MANNER. WE REGARD RESTRUCTURING AS HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IS NOW GETTING UNDERWAY.

32. THE LIST OF GOALS WE HAVE AGREED TO ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER IS LONGER AND MORE EXHAUSTIVE THAN THE ONE I HAVE JUST REVIEWED. BUT IT ILLUSTRATES THAT OUR AGENDA IS BOTH SUFFICIENTLY COMPREHENSIVE AND REALISTIC TO OCCUPY OUR FULL ATTENTION AND ENERGY FOR MONTHS, IF NOT YEARS, TO COME.

33. IMAGINATIVE EFFORTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TRANSLATE RESOLUTION 3362 INTO A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM OF ACTION. BUT THERE MUST BE NO TURNING BACK. WE HAVE REACHED THAT POINT
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IN HISTORY WHEN THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR SHARE IN A COMMON DESTINY AND AT THE SAME TIME SPECIFIED THE MEANS FOR ITS REALIZATION.

34. WE CANNOT AND MUST NOT BACKSLIDE INTO THE RHETORIC OF YESTERDAY'S DISAGREEMENTS. THIS CAN ONLY BLUR THE UNITY OF PURPOSE WHICH WE SO PAINSTAKINGLY AND EXHAUSTIVELY ACHIEVED ONLY TWO MONTHS AGO.

35. ALREADY MUCH IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED. BUT MUCH MORE REMAINS TO BE DONE. TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM WE ENGENDERED AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION WILL REQUIRE NOT ONLY MAXIMUM UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BUT ALSO THE SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT OF EVERY NATION REPRESENTED HERE.

36. WE CAN ENCOURAGE THIS PROCESS HERE BY CONTINUING TO NEGOTIATE IN THE AREAS WHERE PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND MUTUAL BENEFIT IS POSSIBLE. AS WE PROCEED, BUILDING NEW AREAS OF AGREEMENT, WE WILL LEARN MUCH MORE THAN WE ALREADY KNOW OF EACH OTHER. AND WE MAY DISCOVER THAT OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS ARE GREATER AND OUR DIFFERENCES LESS THAN WE THOUGHT.

37. MR. CHAIRMAN, IN THE SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION AND CONSENSUS WHICH WE ACHIEVED AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, MY GOVERNMENT HERE AND NOW REITERATES IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS ITS COMMITMENTS TO OUR COMMON GOAL: THE BUILDING OF AN EFFICIENT AND EQUITABLE GLOBAL STRUCTURE OF ECONOMIC

COOPERATION. WE ASK THE OTHER NATIONS REPRESENTED HERE TO
JOIN WITH US IN HELPING TO ASSURE THAT THE 30TH SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENDORSES THIS COOPERATIVE
SPIRIT. THE ASSEMBLY CAN DO NO LESS IF WE ARE TO MAKE
PROGRESS TOWARD OUR GOAL IN THE DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS
THAT LIE AHEAD. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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